



# Landfill FIRE UPDATE

**Fire Information: (540) 525-1539**



<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/>

*USDA Forest Service  
George Washington & Jefferson  
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers  
National Recreation Area*

**Thursday, November 21, 2013  
12:00 p.m.**

<b>Location</b>	The Landfill Fire is located on the north slope of Horse Heaven Mountain, approximately one mile south of the town of Speedwell in Wythe County. It is east of Highway 21 and south of the Speedwell Landfill.
<b>Estimated Acreage</b>	Approximately 1507 acres
<b>Containment</b>	80% contained
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Significant progress was made in containing the Landfill fire, as firefighters completed burnout operations on Wednesday. Crews will continue mopping up and patrolling the fire perimeter on Thursday, with full containment expected on Friday. Rehabilitation of constructed hand and dozer line will continue until all necessary repairs have been made.</p> <p><b>**NOTE**</b> Forest Service Road 14 (CC Camp Road) is now open to the public. However, the Area Closure remains in effect beginning with the national forest boundary north and west of Forest Service Road 14.</p>
<b>Fire Cause</b>	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
<b>Resources on the Fire</b>	Approximately 75 firefighters and support staff, including three initial attack crews, one dozer, one engine, are assisting with the Fire.
<b>Closures</b>	An area closure is in effect beginning with the national forest boundary east of highway 21; National forest boundary north and west of Forest Service Road 14 (CC Camp Road); National forest boundary south of Speedwell.
<b>Cooperators</b>	<div>USDA Forest Service</div> <div>Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department</div> <div>Virginia Department of Forestry</div> <div>Wythe County Emergency Management</div>
<b>Fire Weather</b>	<p><b>Thursday Weather:</b> Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50 degrees. Southeast wind 5 to 7 mph. Minimum humidity, 67%.</p> <p><b>Thursday Night Weather:</b> A slight chance of light rain before 7 p.m., then a chance of drizzle. Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 41 degrees. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Maximum humidity, 97%.</p> <p><b>Friday Weather:</b> A slight chance of showers after 3pm. Cloudy, with a high near 63 degrees. West wind 5 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Minimum humidity, 61%.</p>
<b>General Fire Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation to areas impacted by the Landfill Fire is underway.</li> <li>• Smoke from the Landfill Fire may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days.</li> <li>• Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li>• Places to get Fire Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inciweb: <a href="http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/">http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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